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: NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL  
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The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above-identified application is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313.

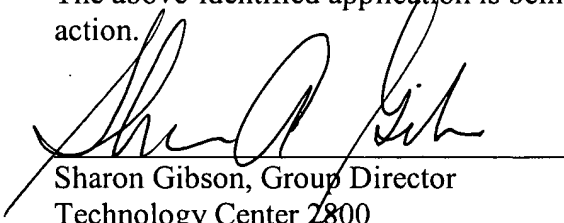
The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue. The Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and the Notice of Allowability mailed November 22, 2006 are hereby vacated.

The application is being withdrawn from issue to permit reopening of prosecution. The reasons therefor will be communicated to you by the examiner.

The issued fee is refundable upon request. However, the applicants may wait until the application is either again found allowable or held abandoned. If the application is allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, applicants may request that the previously submitted issue fee be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. If the application is abandoned, the applicants may request either a refund or a credit to a Deposit Account.

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The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action.

  
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